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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: AFM ASSEMBLY MEETING

1. ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT (AFM) GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS MEETING TODAY JULY 25. ARMY AFM ASSEMBLY ADJOURNED NEAR MIDNIGHT JULY 24 WITHOUT ISSUING FORMAL STATEMENT. VASCO LOURENCO, ACTING AS SPOKESMAN FOR ARMY ASSEMBLY, SAID FOLLOWING MEETING THAT, ALTHOUGH CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION WAS DISCUSSED, PRINCIPAL AGENDA ITEM WAS QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE WITHIN ARMED FORCES. ARMY ASSEMBLY ALSO REJECTED RESIGNATION REQUEST BY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) MEMBER CAPTAIN SOUSA E CASTRO. REASONS FOR REQUEST WERE NOT EXPLAINED. CAUCUS OF SOME ELEMENTS OF OTHER SERVICES ALSO TOOK PLACE ON JULY 25 IN ANTICIPATION OF AFM ASSEMBLY.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO ANNOUNCEMENT RE EITHER RESIGNATIONS

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FROM RC OR FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN

STATED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING COMING WEEK.

3. COMMENT: FAILURE OF ARMY ASSEMBLY TO ISSUE STATEMENT IN
SUPPORT OF PRIME MINISTER IS SIGNIFICANT. ARMY DELEGATES NUMBER
HALF OF 240 MEMBERS OF AFM GENERAL ASSEMBLY. STRONG ARMY SUPPORT
WILL BE NEEDED IF LEFTISTS ARE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN USING ASSEMBLY
TO REINFORCE POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER.
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